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May 9, 2001

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Deena Sheppard-Johnson, SR-6J  
Remedial Enforcement Support Section  
77 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

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Dear Ms. Sheppard-Johnson:

**Re: Chemical Recovery Systems Site, Elyria, Ohio**

The Avery Dennison Corporation ("Avery Dennison") is in receipt of your letter identifying Avery Dennison as a potentially responsible party in connection with the Chemical Recovery Systems Site in Elyria, Ohio (the "Site") and inviting Avery Dennison to participate in remediation activities at the Site. Avery Dennison received your letter on April 30, 2001, and is submitting this response within the ten-day period following receipt as specified in your letter.

The purpose of this correspondence is to notify you of Avery Dennison's willingness to cooperate with the Agency during its initial information discovery process and to work with the Agency to identify the appropriate remediation measures for the Site. Please direct all communications to the attention of the following individual:

Douglas A. McWilliams  
Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P.  
4900 Key Tower  
127 Public Square  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1304  
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I am Senior Division Counsel for Avery Dennison and I have been delegated the appropriate authority to respond on behalf of the corporation. With such authority, I certify that all the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

Taras G. Szmagala  
Sr. Division Counsel

Copy: Douglas A. McWilliams, Esq.  
Geoffrey K. Barnes, Esq.